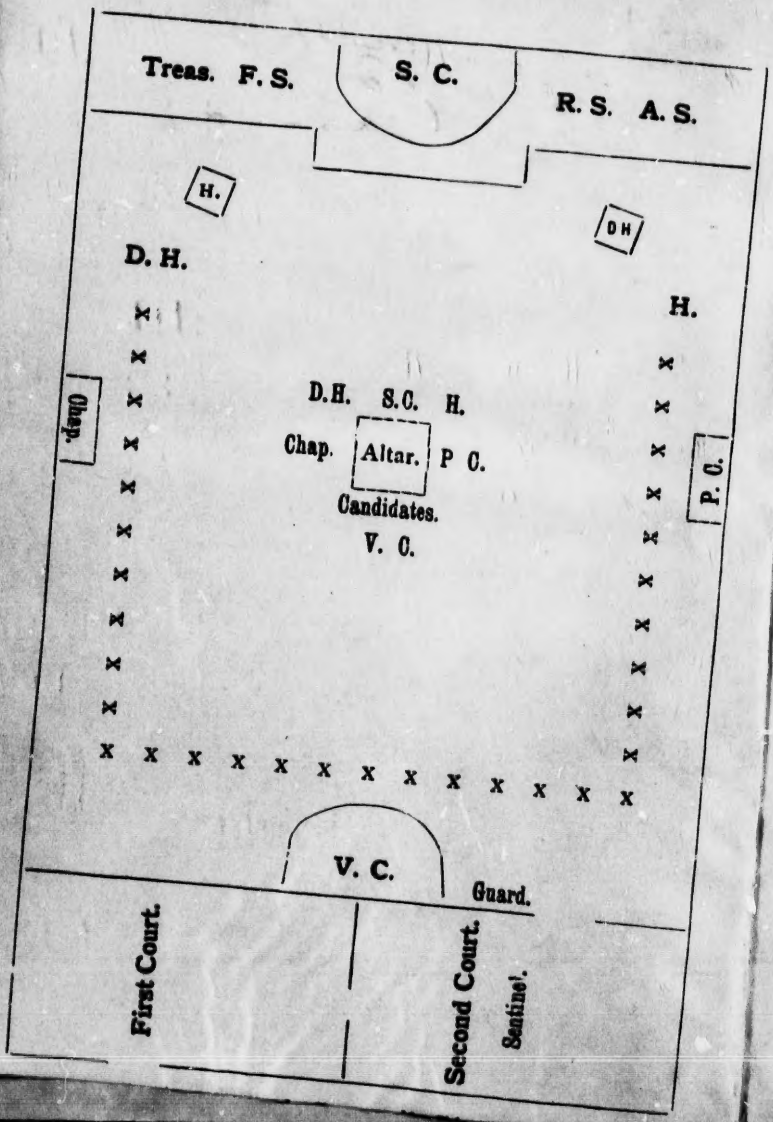
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Opening · Ceremonies

[Seven members being present, the S. C. takes the chair and calls to order.]

S. C.—Officers and members : I am about to open this Council for the despatch of business, and will thank you for your attention and assistance. Bro. Herald :

H.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—Your first duty in this Council ?

H.—To see the Council properly guarded.

S. C.—You will station the Sentinel on duty, directing him to preserve order in our courts.

[The Herald retires with the Sentinel, and instructs him in his duties. After entering gives the signal, to which the Sentinel responds, when the Herald reports :]

H.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—Bro. Herald.

H.—That duty is performed.

S. C.—Your next duty in this Council ?

H.—To see that all present are qualified to remain.

S. C.—You will attend to that duty.

[The Herald commences at the right and the Deputy Herald at the left of the Select Councilor and examines those present in password, grip and token. Should visitors fail to prove themselves Royal Templars, they will retire to the court, and await examination by a committee. Members reported without the token will square their account at the Fin. Sec'y's desk and obtain it from the S. C. The Herald and Deputy Herald will meet in front of the Vice-Councilor's chair, and together they will approach the altar and the Herald will report :]

H.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—Bro. Herald.

H.—All present are Royal Templars.

S. C.—It is well. The officers will assume their respective positions. Are the officers on duty?

[The Herald reports the absent officers (if any), commencing with the highest, and when all are filled, reports:]

H.—They are, Select Councilor.

S. C.—Brothers and Sisters: It is my duty to preside in this Council, conduct all business coming before it to a proper termination, see the rules of order enforced, and do all in my power to advance the interests of this Council and the cause of Temperance, which duty I shall endeavor to perform with diligence. I trust that the officers will be prompt in the discharge of their duties, and that the members will be obedient to the just requirements of the officers and Council. Let harmony prevail in our midst; let tolerance pervade our discussions, and let it be remembered that in union alone there is strength.

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S. C.—Please sing our opening ode.

[ODE.]

S. C.—You will now give attention to the services of our Chaplain.

OPENING PRAYER.

Our Heavenly Father, we humbly implore Thy favor to rest upon the deliberations of this meeting. We are conscious of our many imperfections, and that all

the good we do, and the evil we overcome, is alone effected through the aid of Thy Almighty Power. Help us to be the instruments of Righteousness and Truth, and grant that the cause of Temperance, and the interests of suffering humanity, may be advanced in our land. Bless the unfortunate; have mercy upon the erring; turn the hearts of evil-doers, and make us all more sensible of our dependence upon Thee. Be with us in all the duties of life and prosper us in all righteous undertakings. Hasten the day when the fatal scourge of Intemperance shall be driven from the land; and when we are done serving Thy righteous will on earth, may we be received into that temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. We ask it in the name of Thy dear Son. Amen.

S. C.—Officers and members: You will come to order as Royal Templars. Attend the signs. Vice-Councilor:

V. C.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—Are you a Royal Templar?

V. C.—I am.

S. C.—How do you prove yourself?

V. C.—By salutations [*salutes, members follow*] and signs of distress [*gives the distress sign, members give the same in concert*].

S. C.—And by proper signals [*gives the signal, which is responded to by V. C., Guard and Sent.*]

Herald, you will attend at the altar.

[The Herald advances to the altar, opens and arranges the Bible, salutes and retires to his place.]

I now declare this Council open for the transaction of business.

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The Guard will please notify the Sentinel.

[The Guard gives the proper signal, and informs the Sentinel that the Council is open, requesting any who may be in waiting to enter.]

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading minutes of last meeting.
2. Reception of Petitions.
3. Applications for Select Degree.
4. Reports on Petitions and Applications.
5. Balloting.

S. C.—Brothers and Sisters: We are about to ballot on the application of . . . . for membership in this Council [*or, Select Degree*]. The committee have reported favorable [*or unfavorable*]. Bro. Herald:

H.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—You will prepare and present the ballot box.

[The Herald gets the box and sets it on the pedestal of the Select Councilor who examines it, and selecting a ball, says:]

S. C.—White balls elect, black balls reject. Be careful and make no mistakes.

[Select Councilor deposits his ballot; the Herald takes the box and passes it to each of the officers who deposit their ballots; he then sets it on the altar, casts his ballot, and steps aside. In balloting for application for Select Degree, only Select Templars will cast ballots.]

S. C.—The members will now ballot, commencing on my right.

[When all have voted who wish:]

S. C.—Have all balloted who wish? If so, the ballot is closed.

[The Herald closes the box, takes it from the altar and presents it to the Vice-Coun-cilor, who examines and closes it; the Herald takes the box and sets it on the altar.]

S. C.—Bro. Vice-Councilor.

V. C.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—How stands the ballot?

V C.—Clear [*or not clear, there being two or more adverse ballots*], Select Councilor.

[The Herald takes the box from the altar and presents it to the Select Councilor, who examines it.]

S. C.—I so find it, and therefore declare the applicant duly elected to [*or rejected from*] membership in this Council [*or, the Select Degree*]. The P. C. will see that the Declaration is executed.

[In case of rejection a second ballot must be had before the declaration is made. The Select Councilor should never fail to change ballots after every vote.]

S. C.—Bro. Herald:

H.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—You will retire and ascertain if any person seeks admission to membership in this Council.

[Herald salutes and retires. Upon re-entering, salutes and reports:]

H.—Select Councilor:

S. C.—Bro. Herald.

H.—I herewith present the Declaration of . . . who is without, awaiting the pleasure of this Council.

[Herald reads Declaration.]

S. C.—Bro. Recording Secretary.

Rec. Sec.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—You have heard the report of the Herald. *Have* the *persons* named been regularly elected to membership in this Council?

Rec. Sec.—They have.

S. C.—Are their rods inscribed and on the altar?

Rec. Sec.—They are.

S. C.—What is the pleasure of this Council? Shall we proceed with the initiation? [*If no one objects.*] There being no objections, I shall proceed.

[Should objections be raised the matter must be decided by vote of the Council. Should the majority vote in favor of proceeding, the Select Councilor shall so proceed.]

6. Initiation of Candidates.

INITIATION.

[The Herald should see that the room is fully prepared for Initiation. If the V. C. uses an emblematic anchor, it should be upon his pedestal. The Emblem of the Order should be upon the P. C.'s pedestal, and the Symbol of Fraternity on the Chaplain's pedestal.

The S. C. should insist that the officers have their charges committed to memory, that in exemplifying the symbols, they may suit the action to the word and the word to the action.]

S. C.—Bro. Herald.

H.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—Is the Council Chamber in complete order for initiation?

H.—It is, Select Councilor.

S. C.—You will repair to the Court, accompanied by the Deputy Herald, and introduce the candidates. Officers and members, I solicit your co-operation to make this ceremony solemn and impressive.

[The Herald will instruct the candidates that he expects them to follow him in single file, or in pairs if the number is large. The D. H. will follow the candidates. When all is ready, the Sentinel will make the usual alarm, and report to the Guard.]

Guard—Select Councilor.

S. C.—Bro. Guard.

Guard—There is an alarm at the door.

S. C.—You will ascertain the cause and report.

Guard—The Heralds, accompanied by friends, who seek admission to our Order.

S. C.—Let us all join in singing the First Initiation Ode. Admit them.

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[ODE]

[Singing will commence as soon as candidates enter. Heralds and candidates march once slowly around the council chamber, during the singing, keeping the altar on the left, turning the corners square, stopping in front of the Vice-Councilor, facing the S. C.]

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S. C.—My friends, it is with pleasure that we welcome you among us. You understand that we are united to promote habits of total abstinence, secure the suppression of the liquor traffic and protect our homes. You have subscribed to our Creed, accepted our Pledge, and entered into our Covenant. We are thereby assured of your hearty co-operation; but before we receive you into full membership, we desire to impress upon you more of the important teachings of our Order. Herald, present our friends to the Vice-Councilor for instruction.

[Heralds request candidates to simply right-about-face, and if necessary take a step or two forward to the Vice-Councilor's chair.]

H.—Vice Councilor, I present to you *friends* who *have* been elected to membership in this Council, and *are* desirous of learning more of the principles of our Order.

V. C.—My *friends*, our triple motto is, "HOPE, LOVE and TRUTH." These words represent the three great foundation stones upon which we are building a magnificent superstructure—this Royal Temple of Temperance. First, in this blessed trinity, gleams bright "HOPE," proclaiming deliverance to the slave of appetite or custom, strength to the weak, health to the sick, sanity to the maniac, joy to the suffering, and even life to the dead. As the staunch anchor holds the tempest-tossed ship, so HOPE, firmly grappling the rock of total abstinence, is the anchor of the trembling but trusting soul. Hence have we chosen the anchor [*pointing to the jewel of office*] as the emblem of this first foundation principle of our Order. As you attain to higher Degrees you will learn the beautiful lessons of the other words in our motto—LOVE and TRUTH; but for the present fix your thought on HOPE. It shines before you, an ever-burning lamp, bidding you trust in God, and pointing to His word as the source of all wisdom. Pass on.

[Herald proceeds to P. C.'s chair.]

H.—Past Councilor, I present to you *friends* who *have* been elected to membership in this Council and *are* desirous of learning the second lesson of this Degree.

[P. C. holds emblem in his hands.]

P. C.—My *friends*, our Emblem, like our motto, is a trinity. [*Takes emblem apart*]. Composed of three distinct pieces, this triangle illustrates three essential elements, SIMPLICITY, EQUALITY and STRENGTH. It is the simplest of geometrical figures, yet it is the fundamental figure of plain geometry, through which the properties of all other figures are obtained. The simplicity of the pledge of total abstinence is very

marked, but it is, nevertheless, the fundamental step of the great temperance reform, and through it we shall reach the grandest achievements of the age. [*Puts emblem together*]. As you advance to the higher Degrees of the Order, the elements of EQUALITY and STRENGTH will be illustrated and applied; but keep fresh in your memory the simplicity and importance of the total abstinence pledge. [*Exhibiting tricolor side of emblem).* This is the emblem of our complete Order, exemplifying the colors, virtues and principles of the three Degrees. [*Turning over the emblem.*] This side, in simple white, exhibits the color of this Degree, emblematic of purity, and teaches consecration to the service of God. Shining upon its bars are the three lessons of this Degree—HOPE, the sheet anchor of our craft, SIMPLICITY, the fundamental element, and FRATERNITY, the bond of vital union. The beauty, utility and power of FRATERNITY will be illustrated by our Chaplain.

[H. and candidates proceed to Chaplain's chair.]

H.—Chaplain, I present to you *friends* who *have* been elected to membership in this Council and *are* desirous of learning the third lesson of this Degree.

Chap.—My *friends*, we rejoice that you have recognized your duty to yourselves and have taken the simple pledge of total abstinence, the fundamental step of the great temperance reform. We rejoice still more that you are ready to do your duty to your neighbor, and have enlisted for a war of extermination against the liquor traffic. Standing alone, the battle may seem hopeless. [*Pick up rod.*] This single rod may be easily broken. [*Bend the rod, but do not break it.*] The single soldier is easily discouraged and crushed. [*Pick up bundle of rods.*] This bundle of

rods, firmly bound together, offers powerful resistance. In their union lies their strength. This is the striking symbol of FRATERNITY. Bound together by our Creed, our Pledge, and our Covenant, trusting in one God, and doing all in His name, we become an irresistible power, marching to certain victory. Each rod in this bundle bears the name of a living, faithful member of this Council, and to night we hope to increase the strength and power of the Symbol by adding a rod for *each of* you. Before we can do so it will be necessary for you to take upon yourselves a solemn and binding obligation to remain true to the principles and teachings of this Order. Are you willing to assume this obligation?

Can.—I am.

Chap.—Herald, conduct our *friends* to the altar for obligation.

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[As soon as these raps are given the following movements shall be made simultaneously: The 2nd Ode, "God of mercy," etc., will be sung; the members will all rise and proceed to form a hollow square, in straight lines on each side and across the lower end of the Council Chamber; the V. C. takes a position immediately behind the candidates; the P. C. and Chap. take positions at the side of the altar nearest their stations; the H. and D. H. will advise the candidates to stand fast, and, leaving the candidates, will march to the S. C.'s chair, escorting that officer to the altar. The Chap. will place the Symbol of Fraternity upon the altar.]

S. C.—You will raise your right hand, place your left hand upon your left breast, and assent to the following obligation:

[Members all assume the attitude of obligation; the Herald and Deputy cross their staffs over the S. C.'s head.]

OBLIGATION.

You, of your own free will and accord, in the presence of these witnesses, do solemnly promise, that you will never reveal any of the private work, ceremonies,

or business of this Order to any person not entitled to know the same; that you will never communicate the Quarterly Token to any person except the proper officers of the Council, or in the discharge of your duty as a Select Councilor; that you will abide by the Constitution, By-laws, Rules and Usages, of this Order; that you will carefully preserve and protect any property of the Order which may come into your hands, and deliver the same up when legally called upon so to do; that you will not present the name of an improper person for membership; that you will not wrong a member or see one wronged if in your power to prevent it; that you will assist any worthy member who is sick or in distress; that you will work devotedly to advance the interests of this Order; that you will use your moral, social and religious influence for the promotion of the cause of Temperance, the suppression of the liquor traffic, and the elevation of our race, and that you will not cease to labor—God giving you strength—while life shall last, or until the evils of intemperance are destroyed. To all of which you pledge your sacred honor. If so, answer, "I do thus promise."

Can.—I do thus promise.

Mem.—We bear witness.

S. C.—Let us all kneel while the Chaplain implores Divine favor to rest upon us.

[Heralds lower their Staffs.]

INITIATORY PRAYER.

Almighty God, King and Ruler of the Universe, to whom all hearts are open, and from whom no secrets are hid, bless, we beseech Thee, the promises that

have just been made in Thy presence. Grant that *these friends* may be filled with Thy Divine Spirit, that *they* may have Grace to perform those things which are acceptable in Thy sight, and to avoid those errors that are displeasing to Thee. Teach us to reverence Thy will and to place our dependence on Thee. Bless us in the addition which has been made to our Council this night. May we all become living stones, fitted for Thy great temple in Heaven. Assist us to be useful while we live, and finally receive us into Thy Heavenly Kingdom, which favors we ask for the sake of Thy dear Son. Amen.

S. C.—My *friends*, you have added to your simple pledge of total abstinence a solemn and binding obligation to be governed by the rules of our Order, and to acquiesce in the action of the majority. You have thus given us the strongest assurance of your faith in the principle of FRATERNITY. This union should strengthen our purposes and efforts to perform the three great duties of life—our duty to ourselves, our duty to our neighbor, and our duty to God. I now welcome you to full membership in . . . . . Council, No. ., with the true fraternal grip of a Royal Templar. The Quarterly Token for the current term is . . [*Give token in a whisper.*] The Vice-Councilor will invest you with the color of the Order.

[If desired the following matter in brackets may be omitted and given after recess, by simply asking the Herald to present the new made members to receive the private work.]

[We have private work, used to distinguish members of the Order, to guard against intrusion or imposition, and to maintain uniformity and order in the Council Chamber, which I will now give. [*Gives a complete exemplification of unwritten work.*] You will become

familiar with this work in your attendance upon the meetings of this Council.]

The Vice-Councilor will give you *places* in our chain of Fraternity.

[If more than one or two candidates, P. C. and Chap. assist, all taking places in the line except the S. C. The Heralds take a position, one at the end of each line. When the order is given to complete the living chain of fraternity, each member will cross arms and as nearly as possible in the grip of the Order, grasp the hand of member on either side. The Heralds will cross arms also and hold upright at end of line the staff of their office.]

As I now add to our fraternal symbol [*place new rods in bundle*] the strength of *these* new *rods*, our new members take *their* place in our fraternity. As I bind the rods together [*tie up the bundle*] our members will complete the living chain of fraternity, and in the loving links that bind us as one, give a hearty welcome in HOPE, in SIMPLICITY and in FRATERNITY, to *those* who *have* to-night added *their* strength to ours, for the overthrow of intemperance. Let us all join in singing our 3rd Initiation Ode. [*Sing the Ode.*] Five minutes for congratulations.

Herald will close Bible on Altar.

[*After Recess.*]

S. C.—Brother Herald: Are all present Royal Templars?

[Herald satisfies himself that no intruders are present, and reports:]

H.—They are, Select Councilor.

S. C.—You will attend at the altar. [*Herald opens Bible and salutes.*] We will now resume our labors.

7. Reception of Communications.
8. Reports of Sickness.
9. Reports of Board of Relief.
10. Reports of Trustees.
11. Reports of Officers (quarterly).

12. Reports of Standing Committees.
13. Reports of Special Committees.
14. Presentation of Bills and Accounts.
15. Unfinished Business.
16. New Business.
17. Exercises for the good of the Order.
18. Announcements for next meeting.
19. Receipts of the evening.
20. Closing.

CLOSING CEREMONIES.

S. C.—Vice-Councilor: The hour for adjournment has arrived. The members will listen to your parting advice.

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V. C.—Officers and members: We are again to mingle in the pursuits and temptations of life. Amid its perplexities and trials, forget not the duties you have heard so frequently and forcibly recommended in this Council. Around this altar have been rendered our sacred promises to abstain from the use of all that can intoxicate, and to prevent by all just means in our power, the growth of intemperance. Remember your obligations, be diligent in your respective callings, consistent in all your dealings, and exhibit by your faithfulness and integrity that the labors of our Council have not been in vain.

S. C.—Please sing our closing ode.

[ODE.]

S. C.—You will give attention to the closing prayer by our Chaplain.

CLOSING PRAYER.

Gracious and most merciful God, we thank Thee for the privilege of the present meeting, and for whatever good we may have been enabled to accomplish. Assist us with Thy Holy Spirit; impart to our feebleness strength, to our counsels wisdom, and to our efforts patience and forbearance. Bless our Order and every instrumentality whereby men are made better and Thy kingdom extended. As we are now about to separate, go with and guide us. Receive us at last, and to Thy Name will we ascribe the glory. Amen.

S. C.—Come to order as Royal Templars; attend the signs [*after which the closing signals are given same as at opening*].

S. C.—Herald, you will attend at the altar.

[The Herald salutes, closes the Bible on the altar, and resumes his proper place.]

S. C.—I now declare this Council closed until our next regular meeting, unless sooner convened for the transaction of important business, in which case all members will receive due and timely notice.

Ceremony of Suspension or ·: Expulsion :·

S. C.—Recording Secretary.

R. S.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—You will read to us the Declaration of .....who has not proved faithful to *his* promises. [*R. S. reads Declaration.*]

Brothers and sisters: Is there any reason why this member should not be suspended [*or, expelled*]? [*There being no answer*]—The Recording Secretary will file this Declaration in the suspended [*or, expelled*] department of his Declaration File.

The Herald will bring hither the Symbol of Fraternity.

It is my painful duty to remove from this Symbol of Fraternity the rod of..... who has failed to keep the solemn obligation *he* assumed at our altar. The Recording Secretary will mark this rod with the date and cause of suspension [*or, expulsion*] and bind it in the unfaithful bundle. [*S. C. binds up Symbol and returns to Herald.*]

Admission by Transfer.

DIRECTIONS—A member who seeks admission by transfer from another Council, should make application in the same form, and subject to the same usage, as an ordinary application for membership. After election he may be admitted to full membership as soon as his Transfer Card, original Declaration, and Rod are received. If the Declaration and Rod do not accompany the Transfer Card, the S. C. may either mal.: application for them, or order substitutes executed. The Transfer Card and Declaration having been read and filed, the following ceremony will be observed :

S. C.—Bro. Herald.

H.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—Introduce Bro.....at the altar for admission to our Council.

(H. and applicant at the altar, members are called to the hollow square.)

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(The S. C. carries rod of applicant to the altar. The Chap. places the Symbol of Fraternity on altar ; all taking same position as in initiation, but omitting the singing.)

S. C.—Dear Bro., I welcome you to full membership in.....Council, No.....with the true, fraternal grip of a Royal Templar. The Vice Councilor will give you a place in our chain of Fraternity. As I now add to our Fraternal Symbol (*place new rod in bundle*) the strength of *this* new *rod*, our new member takes *his* place in our fraternity. As I bind the rods

together (*tie up bundle*) our members will complete the living chain of fraternity, and in the loving links that bind us as one, give a hearty welcome in HOPE, in SIMPLICITY, and in FRATERNITY, to *him* who *has* to-night added *his* strength to ours, for the overthrow of intemperance. Let us all join in singing our 3rd Initiation Ode. (*Sing the Ode.*) Five minutes for congratulations.

[If Initiation of candidates is on for the same evening, the applicant may simply be asked to take a place with the candidates at the time the grip is given.]

Re-instatement.

DIRECTIONS—After a member has been formally suspended, he can only be re-instated by a majority vote of the Council. A member who has been expelled, must present a petition, the same as a new member, and stand the ballot. In either case when a vote is favorable, the P. C. will see that the applicant for re-instatement executes a new Declaration. When the Rec. Sec. receives the Declaration, he will remove the rod of the applicant from the Unfaithful Bundle, and endorse it in following style: "Re-instated July 5, 1889." The same ceremony as provided for "Admission by Transfer" will then be observed.

Withdrawal.

A member who honorably withdraws from the Order, should be permitted to take his rod from the Symbol of Fraternity, but his Declaration must remain with the Rec. Sec. The application of such a person for re-instatement shall be treated exactly as a petition for membership. When elected, he shall be admitted on the same ceremony as "Re-instatement." If he does not return his rod, a new one shall be executed for him.

Installation Ceremony.

[The following is an abbreviated ceremony for use at the institution of new Councils, or on other occasions where time or circumstances prevent the execution of the full ceremony.]

S. C.—Brothers and Sisters, the next order of business is the installation of officers. Bro..... will you be kind enough to act as Grand Councilor, and perform the ceremony?

[In the absence of the District Deputy or a grand officer, the senior Past Councilor present is entitled to act as Grand Councilor.]

G. C.—Select Councilor: I receive at your hands the official emblems of your office, and trust that you will be amply rewarded for the very efficient manner in which you have presided over the deliberations of this Council. Have the officers elect of this Council been chosen in accordance with our established rules and usages?

S. C.—They have.

G. C.—Have the returns been made, and an order on your Treasurer drawn for the amount due the Grand Council?

S. C.—They have.

G. C.—Have the Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's bonds been duly executed and approved by the Council?

S. C.—They have.

G. C.—It is well. You will now be seated with the members. Bro.....will act as Grand Herald and collect the official jewels. The Secretary will announce the names of the officers elect, and they will present themselves at the altar.

G. C.—Brothers and Sisters: Behold the officers elect of this Council; are they your choice, and are you willing to give them your hearty support and encouragement?

Mem.—We are.

G. C.—Officers elect: You have been chosen from among your associates to positions of honor and trust. Will you accept these positions, and discharge their duties to the best of your several abilities?

Officers.—We will.

G. C.—Welcome, thrice welcome, to positions of honor and trust. You will now assume the appropriate attitude, and repeat the following

OBLIGATION.

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I, (name) of my own free will and accord—do solemnly promise upon my sacred honor—that I will discharge—to the best of my ability—the duties of the office to which I have been elected—in strict conformity with our Constitution—By-laws, Rules and Usages.

Mem. Resp.—And we are witnesses.

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G. C.—Grand Herald: you will conduct the Sentinel and Guard to their places, and they will immediately enter upon the discharge of their duties.

G. H.—That duty is performed.

G. C.—You will conduct the Herald to his place, and install him in his office.

G. H.—Brother Herald: I now surrender to you this staff of office. You will bear it upon all occasions. Remember the sacred import of the emblem it bears. Be faithful in the discharge of your official duties; and may prosperity attend your efforts.

G. C.—Present the Treasurer and Financial Secretary for installation.

(G. H. escorts these officers to the chair of the Gr. C.)

G. H.—I present the Treasurer and Financial Secretary elect for installation.

G. C.—Brothers (*names*): You have been elected to important offices of this Council, and will now enter upon your duties. I surrender to your safe-keeping the money, books and papers pertaining to your offices. Be faithful in the discharge of these important trusts, as upon your care and accuracy much of the success of the Council depends. The Council looks to you to guard well its financial interests. See to it that it sustains no loss.

G. C.—Grand Herald: Present the Recording Secretary for installation.

G. H.—Grand Councilor: I present the Secretary elect of this Council for installation.

G. C.—Brother (*name*): You have been elected to the office of Recording Secretary of this Council. It is your duty to carefully observe the proceedings of this Council, to keep an accurate minute of all its doings, entering them in the record book. Your good

inclination to the cause of Temperance and the interests of this Council will, I hope, induce you to discharge the duties of your office with fidelity, and by so doing you will merit the esteem and confidence of the members. I surrender to you the books and papers pertaining to your office, and you will immediately enter upon the discharge of your duties.

G. C.—Brother (*name*): You have been elected Chaplain of this Council. It is your duty to perform those solemn services which we should constantly render to an Infinite Creator. You will take your place and enter at once upon the discharge of your duty.

[Grand Herald will conduct all officers to their posts.]

G. C.—Brother (*name*): You have served faithfully as Select Councilor of this Council, and your experience eminently fits you for the position which you are now to occupy. We cannot do without your counsel and advice. You will have a watchful eye to the welfare of the Council, jealously guarding its honor and integrity. You will, in the absence of the Select Councilor, perform the duties of his office. You will now enter upon the discharge of your duties.

[Grand Herald will hand gavel to V. C. at proper time.]

G. C.—Brother [*name*]: You have been elected to the second position of this Council. You are to assist at the opening, initiating and closing services; see that the Guard and Sentinel discharge the duties of their offices, and aid the Select Councilor in the discharge of his duties. The gavel in your hands is an emblem of your authority; you will use it discreetly. Your regular attendance at all our meetings is essentially necessary. In the absence of the Select or a Past Councilor, you will take the chair and govern the Council. I firmly rely on your attachment to the principles and teachings of our Order for the faithful

discharge of the duties of this important trust. You will now take you place as Vice-Councilor of this Council.

G. C.—The Select Councilor's place?

G. H.—In the east.

G. C.—His duties there?

G. H.—To govern and control the movement and action of this Council.

G. C.—You will present him for installation.

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G. H.—Grand Councilor: Allow me the pleasure of introducing Brother [*name*], who has been elected Select Councilor of this Council, and awaits your further orders.

G. C.—Brother [*name, taking him by the hand*]: I welcome you to the highest position in the gift of this Council. You are its presiding and executive officer. We have full confidence in your skill and capacity to govern. I surrender to your keeping the emblems of this Council. *First*—The Holy Bible. This should always be on our altar. It will guide you to all truth; it will direct your paths to the temple of happiness, and point out to you the whole duty of man. Consult it daily. *Second*—The Constitution, which you are to search at all times; cause it to be read in the Council, that none may pretend ignorance of its requirements. *Third*—The Charter, which is the authority by which this Council is held. You are carefully to preserve and defend it, and in no case should it be out of your immediate control, but be duly transmitted to your successor. *Fourth*—The Gavel

in your hands [*hands him the gavel*] is an emblem of authority; by it you will control the movements of the Council. You will now take your place as Select Councilor of . . . . Council, No. . . , Royal Templars of Temperance.

Brothers and sisters, the officers elected to govern this Council for the ensuing term are now fully invested with their duties. They are sufficiently conversant with the rules of propriety and the laws of our Order to avoid exceeding the power with which they have been intrusted, and you are of too generous disposition to envy their preferment. I trust, therefore, that you will aim to please each other, and unite in advancing the cause of Temperance and the interests of this Council. Act together in promoting the principles of Hope, Love, and Truth; and may the day speedily come when intemperance and its attendant crimes shall be driven from our fair land. Listen to the prayer of our Chaplain.

INSTALLATION PRAYER.

Almighty and Everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, send down upon Thy servants here assembled the healthful spirit of Thy Grace, that they may truly please Thee in all their doings. Grant, O Lord, power of mind and great understanding unto those whom we have this day clothed with authority, to preside over and direct the affairs of this Council, and so replenish them with the truth of Thy doctrine, and adorn them with humility of life, that, both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve Thee to the glory of Thy Holy Name, and to the advancement for all good purposes of our beloved Order. Amen.

(Resume the regular order of business.)

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INSTRUCTIONS TO ORGANIZERS.—Leave nothing undone that you can do before the meeting of institution. If possible get every applicant to execute a Declaration, and pay entrance fee. Enter up carefully in the Cash Book the fees paid, and for every Declaration, endorse a rod for the Symbol of Fraternity. Examine your stock carefully, to see that everything is in good order.

Go early to the place of meeting. Put one friend immediately in charge of the blank Declarations; another in charge of the Cash Book; and a third endorsing rods as applicants sign Declarations. This will leave you free to bring the applicants forward to sign and pay fees as soon as they arrive.

When the hour for opening arrives, pursue the following order:

1. Singing and Prayer.
2. Make explanations or address.
3. Distribute copies of constitution, and direct particular attention to officers and duties, that thought may be given to matter of election of officers.
4. Read from the executed Declarations the signatures of applicants, and as each name is read, ask the applicant to rise to his feet and remain standing. You will thus find out if all have signed the Declaration. Any who remain sitting, if not Royal Templars, should be requested either to execute Declarations or withdraw.
5. Administer obligation.
6. Name the Council.
7. Elect officers.
8. Install officers.
9. Exemplify Initiation by putting one of the members through the full ceremony.

10. Read the completed return and get it signed by the proper officers.

11. Ask that an order be voted for the amount of the charter fee.

12. DECLARATION.

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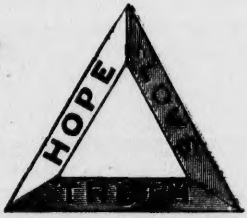
By the authority vested in me as..... of the Grand Council of ...., I declare ..... Council, No. ....., duly and regularly instituted, and invested with all the rights, privileges, and duties, provided for in our constitution, laws and usages.

13. General Business.

14. Closing.



Burial Service.

The regular badge to be worn at the funeral of a deceased member shall be the same in form and style as that worn at the meetings of the Council, except it shall be draped with black ribbon or crape. In the absence of this badge members may wear a narrow strip of black crape or black ribbon, tied in a button-hole of the left lapel of the coat. Each member shall have a sprig of cedar.

The members shall meet at the Council Chamber or some designated place, and after clothing themselves in funeral regalia, shall form a procession in the following order :

Herald and Deputy with staffs.
Members, in pairs.
Senior Past Councilors, in pairs.
Sentinel and Guard.
Secretary and Treasurer.
Chaplain and Past Councilor.
Vice-Councilor and Select Councilor.

They will proceed to the house of the deceased member, where they shall open rank right and left and take reverse order, standing uncovered while the corpse and mourners are passing to the carriages ; the procession shall then march in advance of the carriages to the place of interment. On arriving at the place of interment the members shall again open right and left and allow the corpse, mourners etc., to pass through, the members on either side, standing uncovered ; the procession reversing order and forming around the grave in such a manner as to bring the Select and Vice-Councilors on each side and near the head of the grave.

After the performance of such religious service as the friends of the deceased may desire, and before the closing of the grave, the Select Councilor shall step to the head of the grave with the sprig of cedar in his hand and deliver the following

ADDRESS.

S. C.—My brethren, we are assembled to perform the last rites at the grave of our departed *brother*. Let

us contemplate the scene, and be forcibly reminded that man is born to die. The coffin and sepulchre speak to us in language that cannot be misunderstood. Notwithstanding the various mementoes of mortality with which we are daily surrounded; notwithstanding that Death has established his empire over all the works of nature, yet by some strange infatuation we go on from one design to another, add hope to hope, lay out plans for the employment of many years, till we are suddenly arrested by the approach of Death when we least expect him. What are all the externals of majesty, the pride of wealth or charms of beauty, when nature has paid her just debt? In the grave all works are levelled and all distinction abolished.

While we drop the sympathetic tear over the grave of our deceased *brother*, let charity incline us to throw a veil over his follies, whatever they may have been, and not withhold from his memory that praise which his virtues demand. Let the present occasion excite our most serious thoughts, and create in us resolutions of amendment. Life is held by a precarious tenure. Men appear and disappear from the stage of action as wave meets wave and part upon the troubled waters. Let us then so improve this lesson that, when the summons of Death arrives, be it soon or late, we may be prepared to depart for that far distant country from whose bourne no traveller returns.

(The Chaplain shall then offer the following, or an extempore prayer.)

Chap.—Our Father and our God, who art the resurrection and the life, we would implore Thee to draw graciously near to us at this time. May this dispensation of Thy providence deeply impress us with the shortness of life and the certainty of death, and may we be prepared for that great change that awaits

us all. Comfort them that mourn; be Thou their shield and protector. Guide our feet into paths of virtue, and finally permit us to enter within the portals of that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Redeemer. Amen.

(After the prayer the S. C. shall step to the head of the grave and deposit his sprig of cedar, with these words:)

S. C.—Farewell, *brother*, we part in hope.

(The Select Councilor and Vice-Councilor, each at the head of their respective file, shall then pass on each side of the grave; and as each officer or member reaches the head of the grave they shall deposit their sprig of cedar. They shall then form in a circle around the grave, and while it is being filled, shall sing the following or some appropriate

ODE.

Tho' often here we're weary,
  There is sweet rest above,
A rest that is eternal,
  Where all is peace and love;
O let us then press forward,
  That glorious rest to gain;
We'll soon be free from sorrow,
  From toil, and care, and pain.

  There is sweet rest in heaven,
  There is sweet rest in heaven,
    There is sweet rest,
    There is sweet rest,
  There is sweet rest in heaven.

Our Saviour will be with us,
  E'en to our journey's end,
In every sore affliction
  His present help to lend.
He never will grow weary,
  Though often we request;
He'll give us grace to conquer,
  And take us home to rest.

  There is sweet rest, etc.

(After which they shall form in regular order and return to the hall for dismissal.)